

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP No.12253 of 2015
Reserved on:28.08.2015
Date of decision: 02.09.2015

Gurmej Singh

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab & others

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE G.S.SANDHAWALIA

Present: Mr.Balbir Singh Jaswal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr.Aman Bahri, Addl.A.G., Punjab
Mr. H.S.Sethi, Addl.A.G., Punjab
Mr.A.P.S.Mann, Addl.A.G., Punjab
Mr.L.S.Virk, Addl.A.G., Punjab
Mr.Rakesh Verma, Sr.DAG, Punjab
and Mr.Pankaj Mulwani, DAG, Punjab.

G.S.SANDHAWALIA, J.

1. In the present writ petition, the petitioner has sought a mandamus directing the respondents to grant him one year's extension in service after his superannuation at the age of 58 years on 30.06.2015, as provided by the Punjab Government notification dated 08.10.2012 (Annexure P2).

2. In view of the interim order passed by this Court in CWP No.411 of 2015, the petitioner's services were not to be dispensed with, vide order dated 17.06.2015.

3. The said issue has already been settled by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in CWP No.3826 of 2015 titled *Romesh Garg Vs. State of Punjab & others*, decided on 24.04.2015, wherein it was held that extension is a mere concession and the employee has no legal right. The issue of consideration of Rule 3.26 as

substituted vide notification dated 08.10.2012 and the instructions of even date alongwith the instructions dated 22.01.2013, 20.09.2013, 30.10.2014 and 07.01.2015, were subject matter of consideration. The said issue has been dealt with by the Co-ordinate Bench, by holding as under:

“In view of the above, it can safely be held that the petitioners have no vested right to seek extension in their services beyond the age of superannuation. To grant or not to grant extension is as per the discretion of the employer.

Further, since extension in service beyond the age of superannuation cannot be claimed as a matter of right, it virtually is by way of a concession given by the employer to its employee and once such extension is held to be by way of a concession, then there is no reason in law why the same cannot be unilaterally withdrawn for justifiable reasons and in public interest.”

4. The same view has been upheld in LPA No.776 of 2015 titled *Ashok Arora Vs. State of Punjab & others* decided on 20.05.2015. The Division Bench in the said case has further approved the reasoning given in the case of *Romesh Garg (supra)* and held that it was a correct statement of law and no elaborate discussion is required.

5. Faced with this situation, counsel for the petitioner is not in a position to controvert the said fact.

6. Accordingly, the present writ petition is dismissed, being covered by the above said cases. However, the petitioner will be entitled for all financial benefits from 17.06.2015, till today. However, it is made clear that all interim orders passed by this Court in the present writ petition stand vacated.

02.09.2015
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(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE